



March 2022



CASA volunteers set this example with their dedication and devotion to the children they serve.

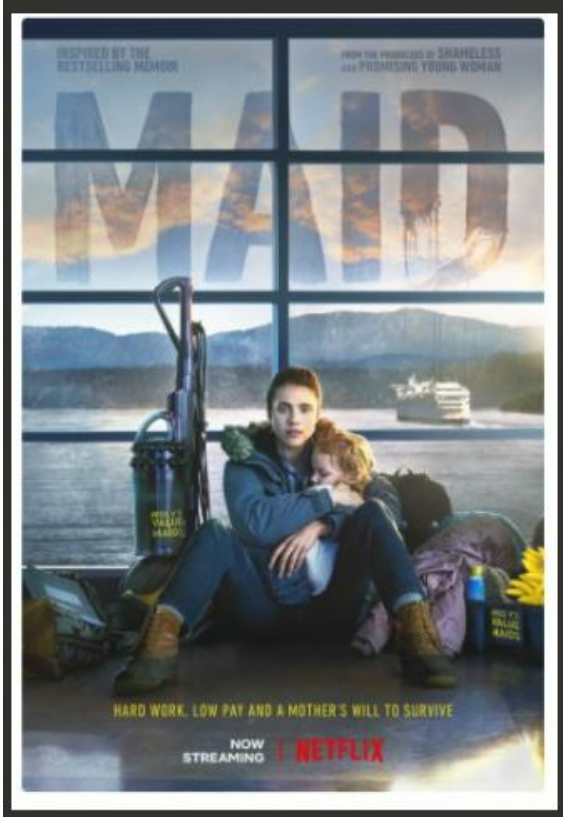
UPCOMING TRAINING SESSIONS AND EVENTS

CASA Group Discussion about Netflix Series: MAID

You are invited to join our Volunteer Coordinators for a discussion of the 2021 Netflix series MAID. This short series is based on the true story of Stephanie Land and her plight to flee an abusive relationship. This young mother finds a job cleaning houses as she fights to provide for her daughter and build a brighter future. MAID provides an inside glimpse of a mother trying to protect her daughter and the barriers she encounters. CASA's will find this series very relatable to the families we serve.

Time: 7:00 - 8:00 PM EST

Dates: March 15th, April 12th and May 17th



MARCH

Event: Advocating for Dual Status Youth

Have you ever advocated for a youth that has gotten involved in both the child welfare and the delinquency sides of courts? In this in-service CASAs will have the opportunity to learn about what determines a youth to be identified as a dual status youth; how the laws have changed to protect youth and the impact a CASA can have being involved in the process.

Date: Wednesday, March 23, 2022

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom

[Register Here](#)



Building Trust and Creating Connections

TOPIC: Learn quick evidence-based strategies to create psychological safety and build connections with even your most challenging students or young clients. We will focus on connecting with students by uncovering and understanding their core values and motivations, strengthening communication skills, and building trusting relationships.

Date: March 16, 2022

Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm (EST)

SPEAKER: Tiffany Creager, M.S.W., Social Emotional Learning Specialist, INcompassing Education

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Raising Youth Up: Moving from Bystander to Upstander

TOPIC: Information presented will help trusted adults gain skills on how to talk with youth in age-appropriate ways about bullying – from helping Kindergarteners understand and follow the golden rule to helping young adults learn to report cyberbullying.

Date: March 29, 2022

Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (EST)

SPEAKERS: Olivia Cosgray Martinez, Adolescent Health Educator, LifeSmart Youth; Andrea Kamwendo, Manager of Program Quality, LifeSmart Youth

[Register Here](#)

Fitting the Strategy to the Client: Engagement of Youth and Their Families

TOPIC: This webinar centers on how to form working relationships with youth and their families with a special emphasis on understanding and working with reluctant clients.

1. Understand the barriers to youth and family engagement in services.
2. Develop skills for partnering with families and youth to meet their goals.
3. Consider what to do when impasses occur, and families remain unwilling.
4. Identify tactics to help youth workers with the stresses involved in engaging reluctant clients.

Date: April 7, 2022

Time: 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm (EST)

SPEAKER: Karen Zilberstein, M.S.W. Clinical Director A Home Within

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Welcome Our New Staff Member

Please welcome our new Volunteer Coordinator! Laura Bivens will be joining our team in late March. Some of you might



know Laura from her previous work with DCS. Currently her role has been Regional Manager with Lifeline Youth and Family Service.

Laura will be bringing with her a wealth of knowledge and experience to support our CASA volunteers. We look forward to her joining the team!

THANK YOU!

A special thank you to Ms. Dunbar's third grade class at Burnett Creek Elementary who made and donated fleece blankets for our CASA kids.

We are grateful for such a supportive community and are appreciative of her student's hard work making such a thoughtful donation.

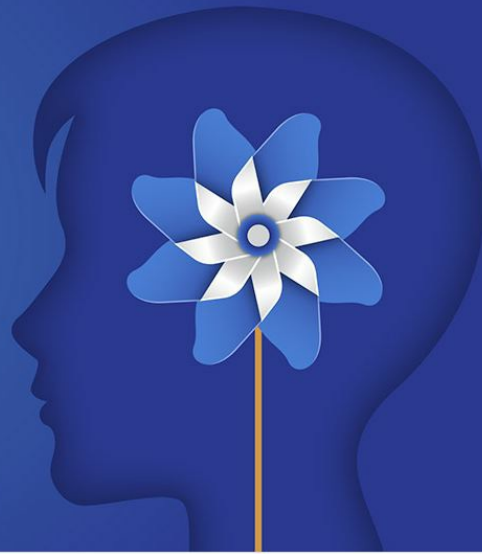


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CHILD ABUSE

PREVENTION MONTH



Wear blue on April 1 to bring awareness to child abuse prevention efforts. Consider posting a photo of your blue clothing on social media to let your friends know about Prevent Child Abuse Indiana.

Share your photo on April 1 with us by emailing Kathy at kmoore@tippecanoe.in.gov or Audra at acarroll@tippecanoe.in.gov

Join Us At Riehle Plaza



On April 1, Tippecanoe County CASA and Tippecanoe Child Abuse Prevention Council will host a proclamation to bring awareness to child abuse prevention.

This event is open to everybody. Feel free to bring friends, family, or coworkers who would like to show their support for children! However, to best honor those around us, we ask participants to follow CDC guidelines.

Where: Riehle Plaza Lafayette

When: 12 PM on Friday, April 1

Pinwheels For Prevention

We will plant pinwheel gardens at local schools. Be on the lookout for them!

If you would like pinwheels to place in your front yard, please email Deanna at dsetters@tippecanoe.in.gov or Kathy at kmoore@tippecanoe.in.gov.



Check Out Our New Billboards!

Change A Child's Story is the new CASA campaign to help with our outreach and recruitment program. If you are out and about in the area be looking for these inspiring billboards.



UPCOMING RECRUITMENT EFFORTS

INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS

Our virtual informational sessions help prospective

volunteers learn more about the CASA role. We host these sessions once a month over Zoom.

Elizabeth Dunlap, staff advocate and outreach coordinator, facilitates these events. If you would like more information or would like to invite people you know to a future session, please email Elizabeth at edunlap@tippecanoe.in.gov.

Upcoming Dates: March 14th 6:00 - 7:00 pm
April 11th 10:00 - 11:00 am
May 18th 2:00 - 3:00 pm

You can also follow us on [Facebook](#) to share the events with your friends and family on social media.



**Thank you for all you do for the
children in Tippecanoe County.**

**We appreciate your
compassion and dedication!**

